arrangement will be watched before any further change is thought of.

121. Permission to private persons to cut down forest trees on payment of kuttikanom.

Mr. R. Narayana Iyer and Mr. Kanakkn Parameswaran Krishnan (Kottarakara), Mr. Kanakku Mathevan Mathevan (Nedumangad) and Mr. Thuppan Thuppan Numburipad (Kunnatnad) said that people were put to much difficulty in having to travel long distances to the depôts even in cases where only small quantities of timber were required, and requested that permission might be freely given for cutting and removing forest trees on payment of the seigniorage due to Government.

Mr. M. Narayana Panickar (Ampalapuzha) prayed that this permission might be granted at least in cases where timber was required for making canoes.

Reply.—Government have already decided against the kuttikanom system in regard to timber as bringing about enormous and uncontrollable waste. Exceptions are made for *bona fide* house-building purposes in localities far removed from depôts. As regards timber for canoes, permits are even now given.

122. Permission to holders of lands registered after 1068 without any special condition regarding the non-royal trees standing on them, to cut them down on permits or passes. and the relinquishment of the claim of Government over royal trees standing on private lands.

Mr. Ousep Kuriya Aippu (Muvattupuzha) brought up this subject and prayed for favourable orders.

Reply.—As regards non-royal trees, in cases where, though there has been no condition at the time of the registry, the holders without giving notice at once under section 58 of the Forest Regulation have entered into an undertaking which in effect has extended the period for notice, they will be allowed to give such notice within the next three months. But in cases where there has been no such undertaking, and it is believed that these will be rare, Government are disposed to consider the desirability of foregoing their right to the value of the trees in favour of the holders when individual applications are made. The prayer regarding royal trees cannot be granted.

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